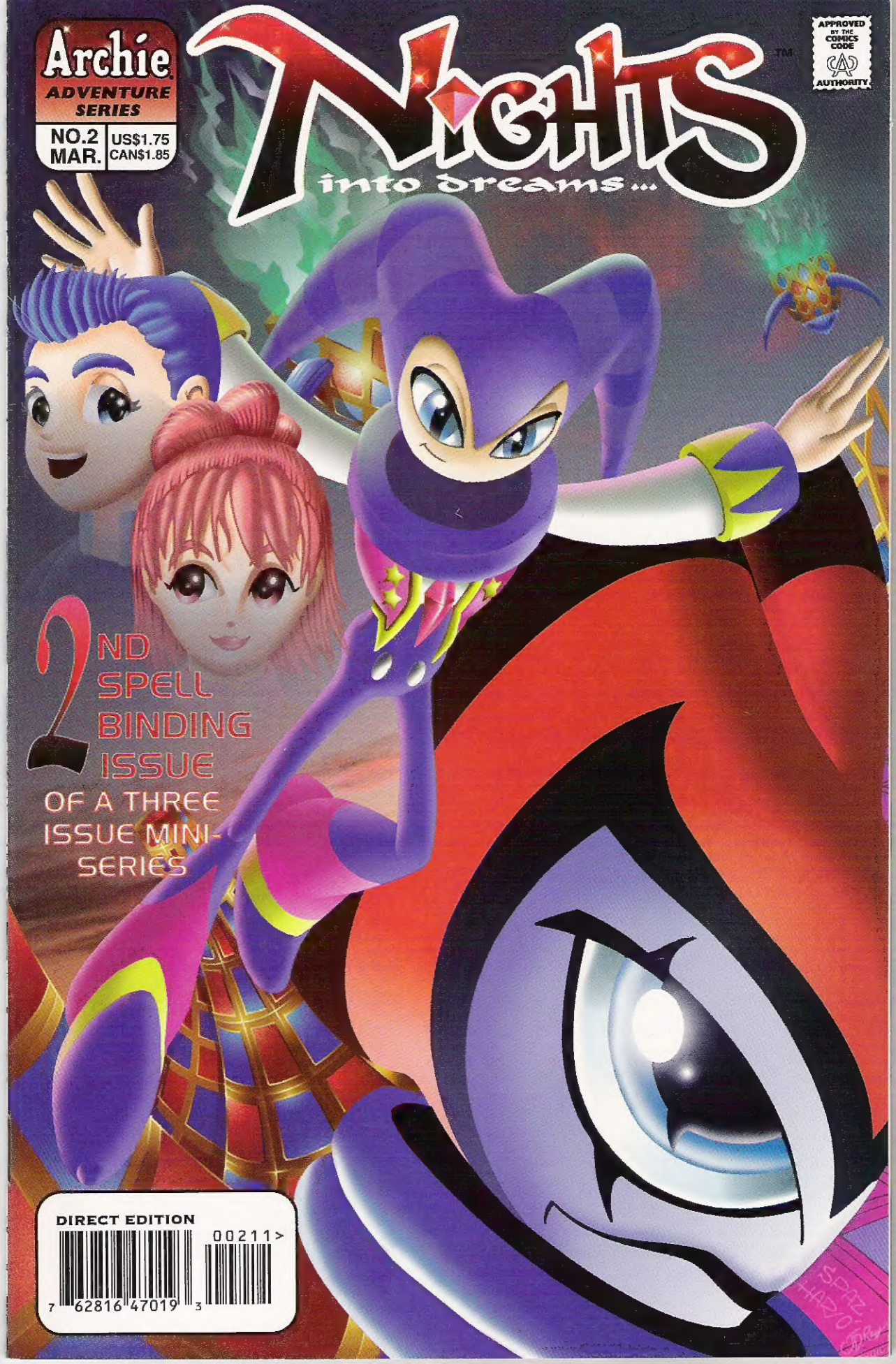
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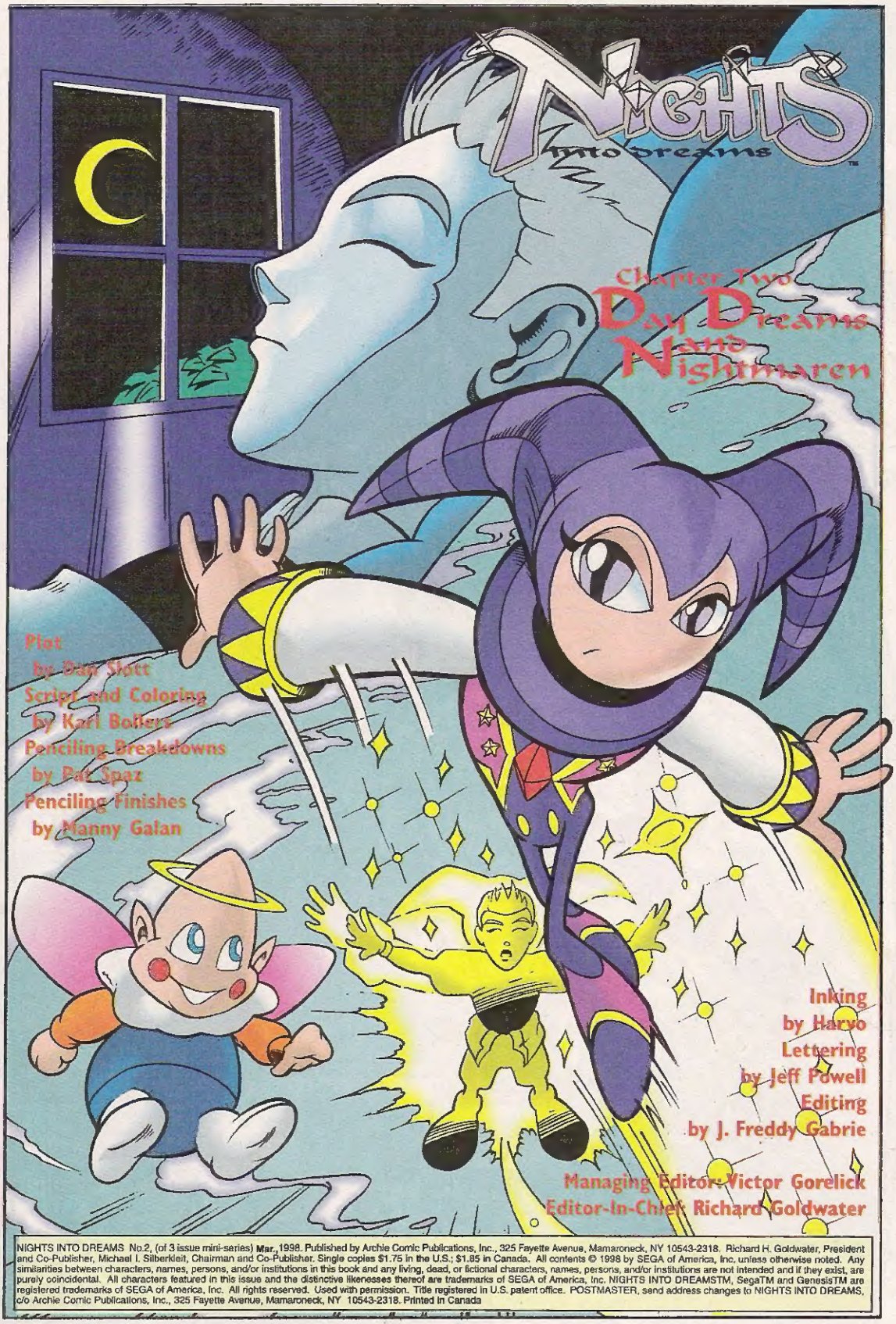

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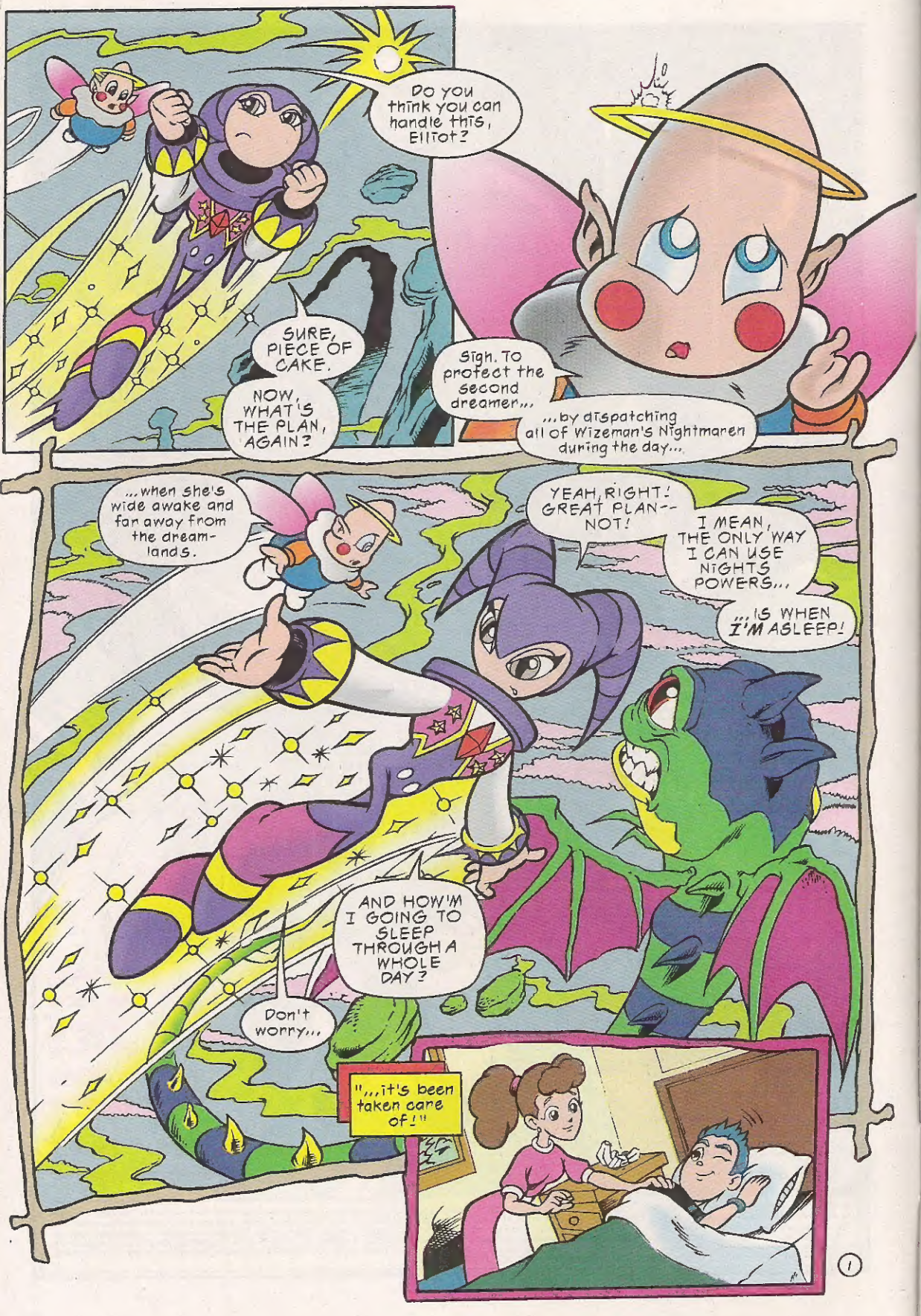
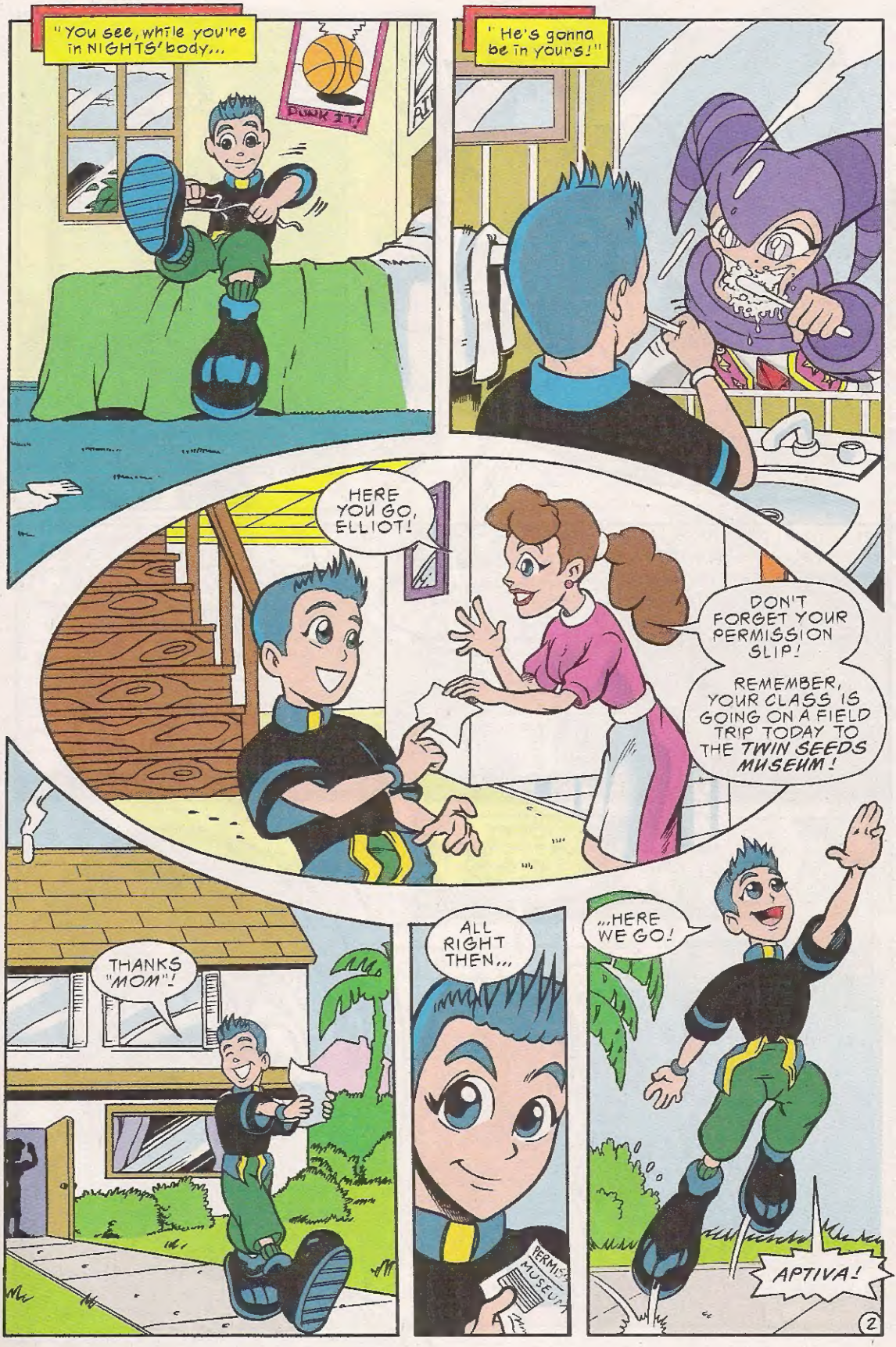

Do you think you can handle this, Elliot?
SURE, PIECE OF CAKE.
NOW, WHAT'S THE PLAN, AGAIN?
Sigh. To protect the second dreamer...
...by dispatching all of Wizeman's Nightmaren during the day...
...when she's wide awake and far away from the dream-lands.
YEAH, RIGHT! GREAT PLAN-- NOT!
I MEAN, THE ONLY WAY I CAN USE NIGHTS POWERS...
...IS WHEN I'M ASLEEP!
AND HOW'M I GOING TO SLEEP THROUGH A WHOLE DAY?
Don't worry...
"...it's been taken care of!"


"You see, while you're in NIGHTS' body...
DUNK IT!
' He's gonna be in yours!"
HERE YOU GO, ELLIOT!
DON'T FORGET YOUR PERMISSION SLIP!
REMEMBER, YOUR CLASS IS GOING ON A FIELD TRIP TODAY TO THE TWIN SEEDS MUSEUM!
THANKS "MOM"!
ALL RIGHT THEN...
...HERE WE GO!
APTIVA!
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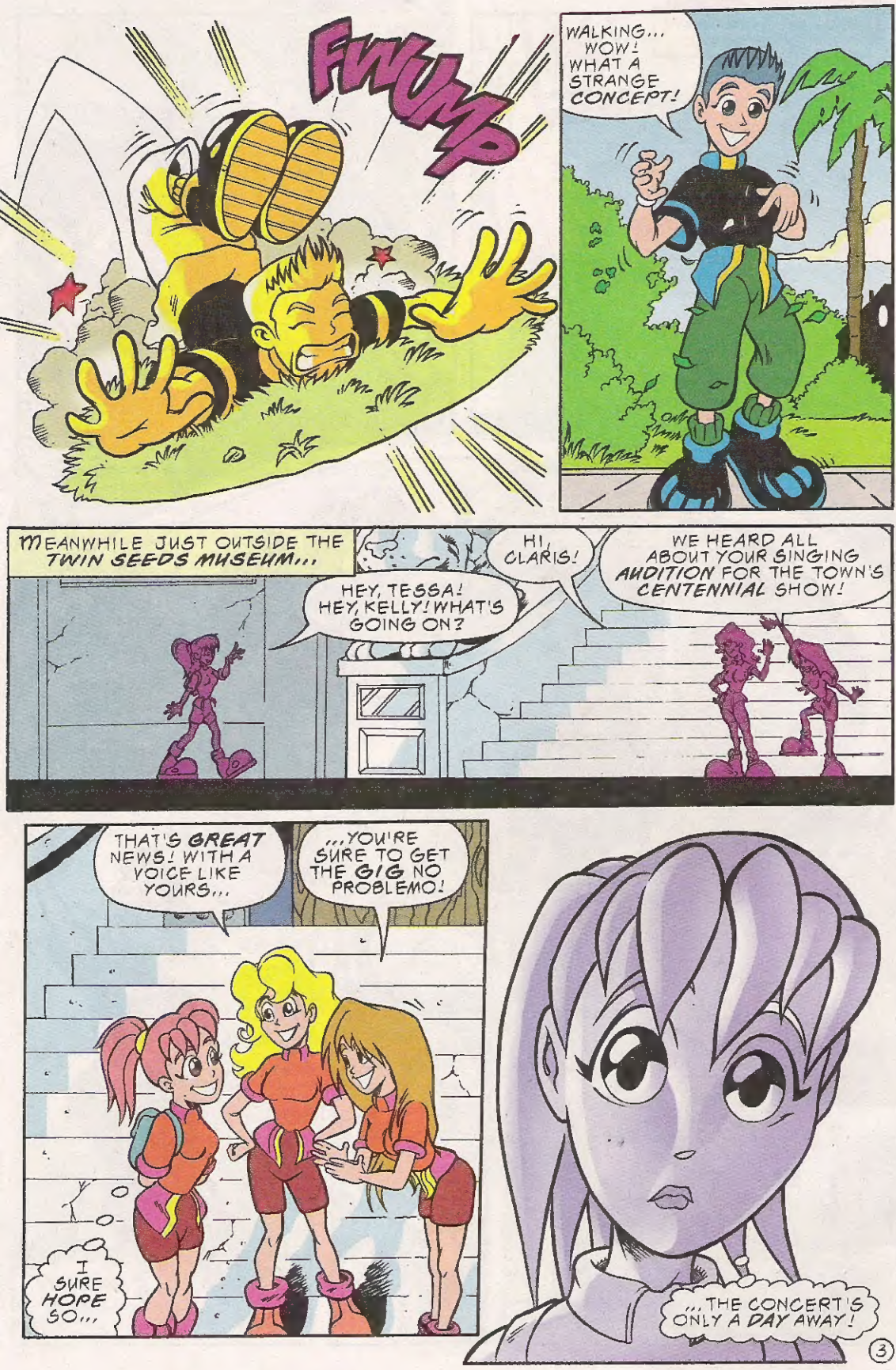
FWUMP
WALKING... WOW! WHAT A STRANGE CONCEPT!
MEANWHILE JUST OUTSIDE THE TWIN SEEDS MUSEUM...
HEY, TESSA! HEY, KELLY! WHAT'S GOING ON?
HI, CLARIS!
WE HEARD ALL ABOUT YOUR SINGING AUDITION FOR THE TOWN'S CENTENNIAL SHOW!
THAT'S GREAT NEWS! WITH A VOICE LIKE YOURS...
...YOU'RE SURE TO GET THE GIG NO PROBLEMO!
I SURE HOPE SO...
...THE CONCERT'S ONLY A DAY AWAY!

AND ARRIVING JUST AT THAT MOMENT...
BY THE FIFTH ENERGY! IT'S HER! THE SECOND DREAMER!
SAY, WHAT'S UP WITH THAT GUY?
YO! ELLIOT WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG?
SNAP OUT OF IT!
HUH? WHUH?
HURRY UP OR WE'LL MISS THE TOUR!
BUT--BUT THE DREAMER--
--HAS TO WAKE UP! SO WAKE UP ALREADY! LET'S GO!
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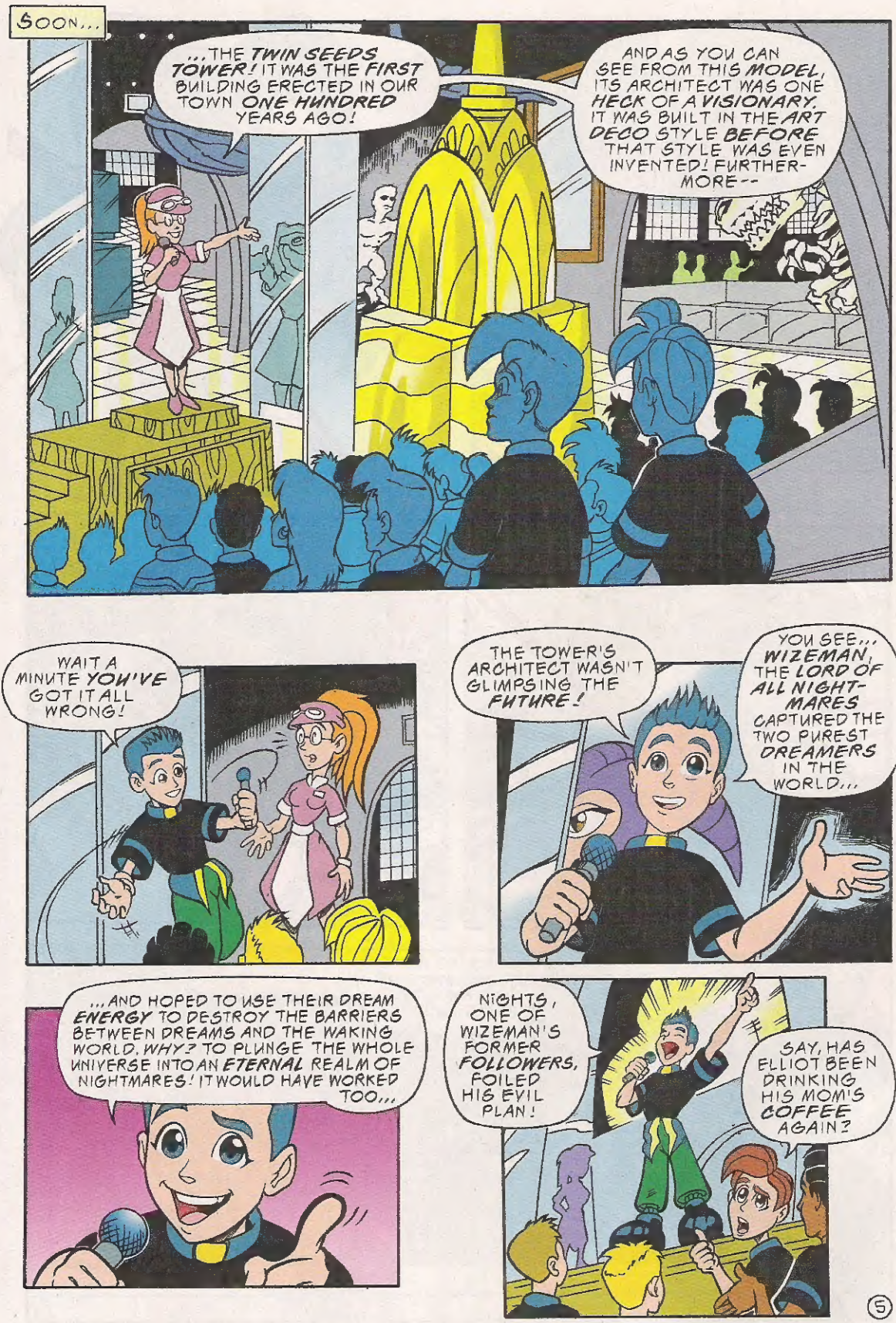
SOON...
...THE TWIN SEEDS TOWER! IT WAS THE FIRST BUILDING ERECTED IN OUR TOWN ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO!
AND AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THIS MODEL, ITS ARCHITECT WAS ONE HECK OF A VISIONARY. IT WAS BUILT IN THE ART DECO STYLE BEFORE THAT STYLE WAS EVEN INVENTED! FURTHER-MORE--
WAIT A MINUTE YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG!
THE TOWER'S ARCHITECT WASN'T GLIMPSING THE FUTURE!
YOU SEE... WIZEMAN, THE LORD OF ALL NIGHT-MARES CAPTURED THE TWO PUREST DREAMERS IN THE WORLD...
...AND HOPED TO USE THEIR DREAM ENERGY TO DESTROY THE BARRIERS BETWEEN DREAMS AND THE WAKING WORLD. WHY? TO PLUNGE THE WHOLE UNIVERSE INTO AN ETERNAL REALM OF NIGHTMARES! IT WOULD HAVE WORKED TOO...
NIGHTS, ONE OF WIZEMAN'S FORMER FOLLOWERS, FOILED HIS EVIL PLAN!
SAY, HAS ELLIOT BEEN DRINKING HIS MOM'S COFFEE AGAIN?

MEANWHILE, IN ANOTHER WING OF THE MUSEUM, ANOTHER TOUR HAS BEEN INTERRUPTED.
EVERY HUNDRED YEARS, WIZEMAN THE KING OF THE DREAM WORLD OFFERS TWO LUCKY DREAMERS THE CHANCE TO HAVE THEIR DREAMS BECOME REALITY.
WHAT'S UP WITH ROGER?
DON'T ASK ME!
BUT FOR THEIR DREAMS TO COME TRUE THE TWO DREAMERS HAVE TO TAKE A TRIP TO WIZEMAN'S HOME...
"...A WONDROUS CASTLE WITH GLEAMING SPIRES SURROUNDED BY A LUSH FOREST FILLED WITH FLOWERS. A BEAUTIFUL PLACE, REALLY..."
WHO ARE YOU?!

I AM THE ONE WHO WILL GRANT ALL OF YOUR WISHES, ROGER. CALL ME WIZEMAN!
Oh, BOY WHY AM I HAVING THIS CRAZY DREAM ANYWAY?
I REMEMBER FREEING SOME WEIRD MIME* --BUT THEN, WHY AM I DRESSED LIKE A MIME NOW?
*NIGHTS INTO DREAMS #1-- JFG
YOU BECAME THE "WEIRD MIME" REALA BECAUSE I WILLED IT SO, BOY! I'VE KEPT MY EYES ON YOU FOR SOME TIME NOW. THE REBEL NIGHTS IS FREE ONCE MORE** AND A THREAT TO MY PLANS.
REALA WAS THE ONE OF MY MINIONS-- NIGHTMAREN --TO EVER DEFEAT NIGHTS IN COMBAT. MY OBSERVATIONS HAVE SHOWN THAT YOU HAVE HANDED THE BOY ELLIOT A SIMILAR DEFEAT.***
IT IS MY BELIEF THAT THE NIGHTS/ELLIOT ENTITY WILL THEREBY STAND NO CHANCE AGAINST THE REALA YOU!
MASTER! I COME WITH DIRE NEWS! NIGHTS HAS VANQUISHED GILLWING AND A HORDE OF THE NASTIEST NIGHTMAREN THIS SIDE OF NIGHTOPIA! IT WILL BE SOME TIME BEFORE THEY CAN BE DREAMPT UP AGAIN!
...
** Last ish
*** Ditto-- JFG
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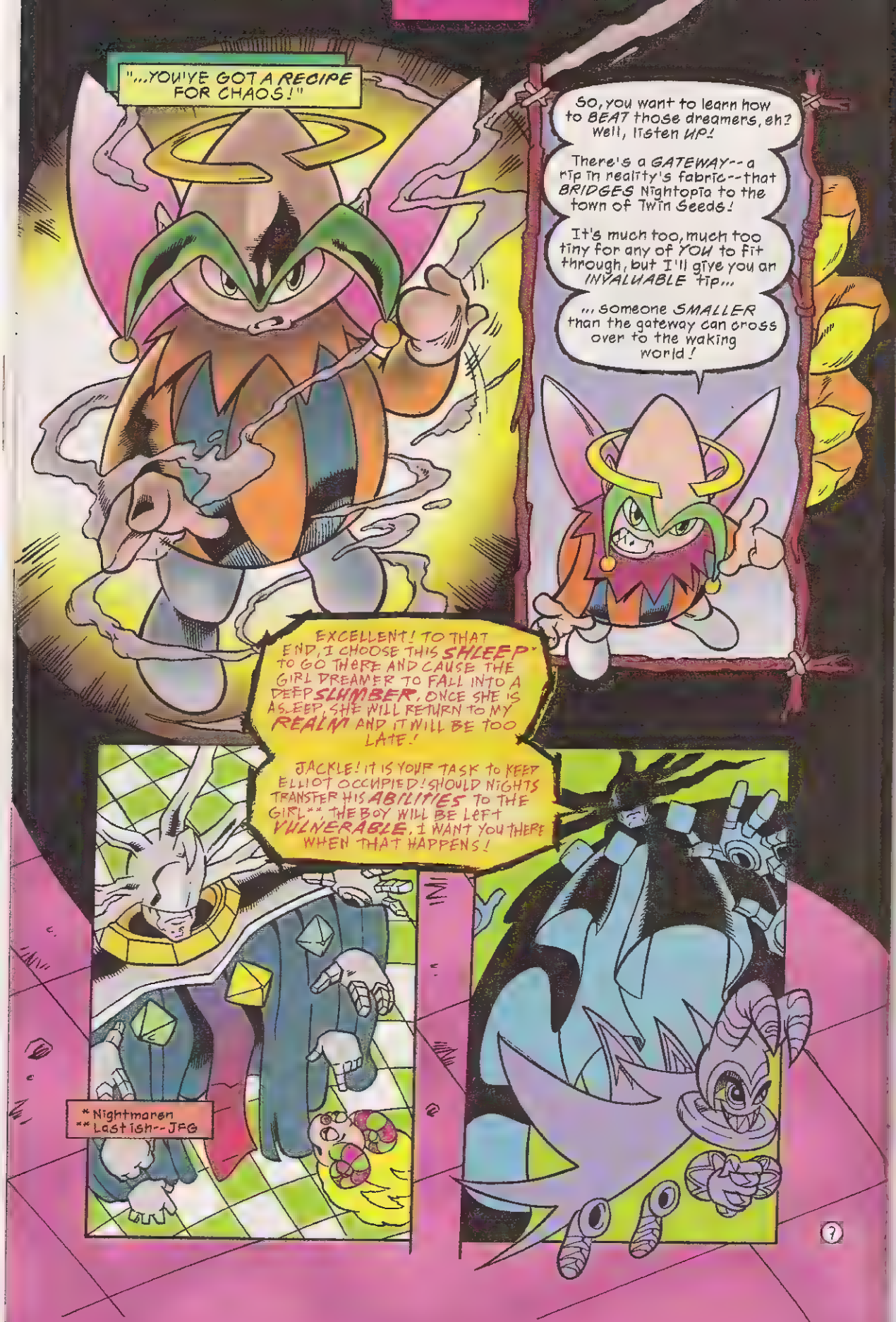
DON'T FRET, MASTER! I'VE SOMETHING THAT WILL GIVE US AN ADVANTAGE OVER NIGHTS AND THOSE INFERNAL DREAMERS!
...OR SHOULD I SAY "SOMEONE"!
It'll be a COLD day in Stick Canyon before I fall in with the likes of YOU!
THEN, I HOPE YOU REMEMBERED TO BRING YOUR EARMUFFS!
AS YOU'LL SEE, NAP, WHEN YOU MIX A PINCH OF NIGHTMAREN...
...WITH A JIGGER OF NIGHTOPIAN...
NO!


"...YOU'VE GOT A RECIPE FOR CHAOS!"
So, you want to learn how to BEAT those dreamers, eh? Well, listen UP!
There's a GATEWAY--a rip in reality's fabric--that BRIDGES Nightopia to the town of Twin Seeds!
It's much too, much too tiny for any of YOU to fit through, but I'll give you an INVALUABLE tip...
...someone SMALLER than the gateway can cross over to the waking world!
EXCELLENT! TO THAT END, I CHOOSE THIS SHLEEP* TO GO THERE AND CAUSE THE GIRL DREAMER TO FALL INTO A DEEP SLUMBER. ONCE SHE IS ASLEEP, SHE WILL RETURN TO MY REALM AND IT WILL BE TOO LATE!
JACKLE! IT IS YOUR TASK TO KEEP ELLIOT OCCUPIED! SHOULD NIGHTS TRANSFER HIS ABILITIES TO THE GIRL**, THE BOY WILL BE LEFT VULNERABLE. I WANT YOU THERE WHEN THAT HAPPENS!
* Nightmaren
** Lastish--JFG
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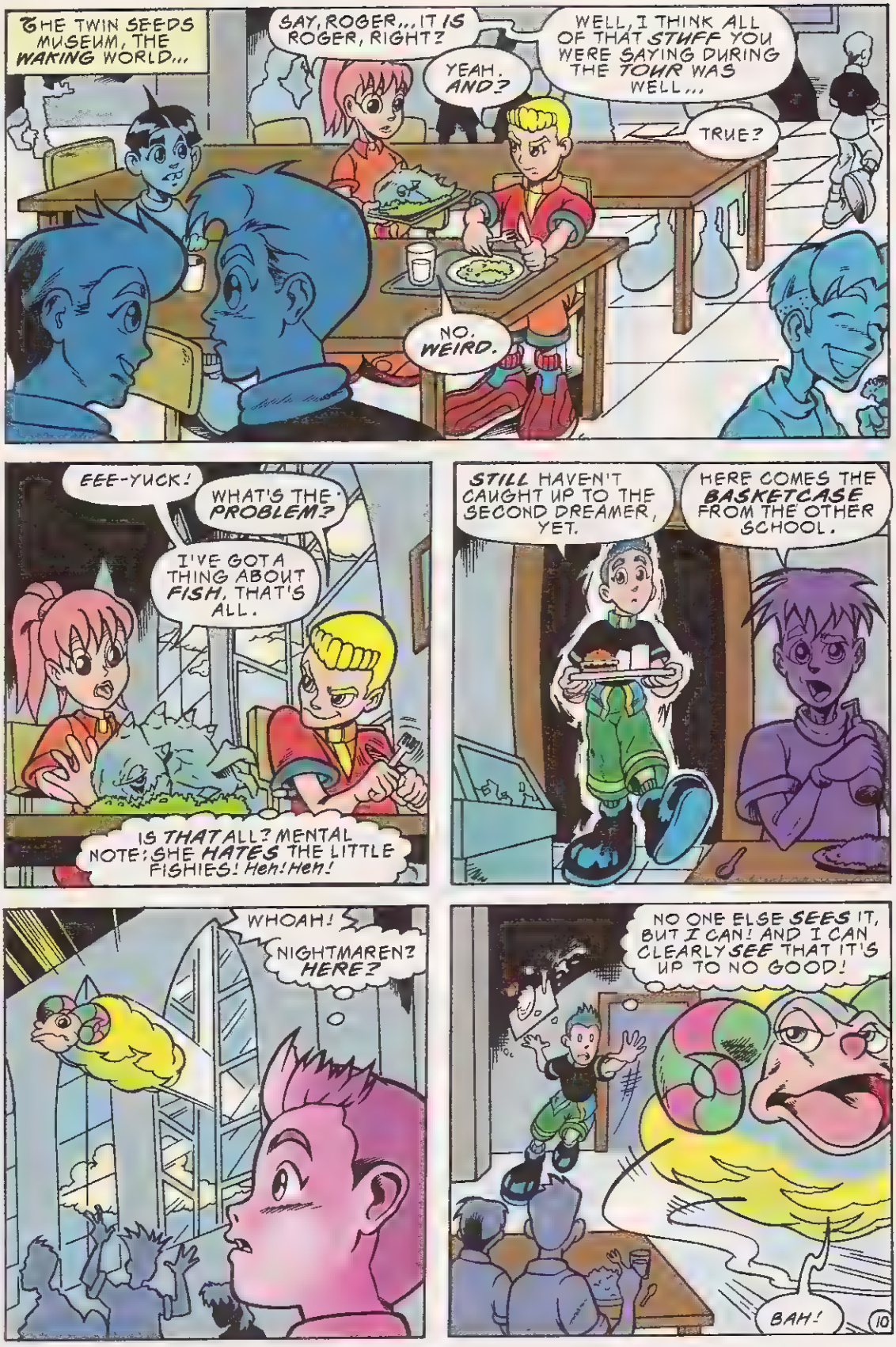
THE TWIN SEEDS MUSEUM, THE WAKING WORLD...
SAY, ROGER... IT IS ROGER, RIGHT?
YEAH. AND?
WELL, I THINK ALL OF THAT STUFF YOU WERE SAYING DURING THE TOUR WAS WELL...
TRUE?
NO. WEIRD.
EEE-YUCK!
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
I'VE GOT A THING ABOUT FISH, THAT'S ALL.
IS THAT ALL? MENTAL NOTE: SHE HATES THE LITTLE FISHIES! Heh! Heh!
STILL HAVEN'T CAUGHT UP TO THE SECOND DREAMER, YET.
HERE COMES THE BASKETCASE FROM THE OTHER SCHOOL.
WHOAH!
NIGHTMAREN? HERE?
NO ONE ELSE SEES IT, BUT I CAN! AND I CAN CLEARLY SEE THAT IT'S UP TO NO GOOD!
BAH!
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I GOTCHA!
GANGWAY!
WHAT'S THE DEAL, EDWARDS? YOU TRYIN' TO START A...
FOOD FIGHT!
PEEKABOO! I KILL YOU!
WHOA! SO WHO'S THIS ONE, SNUZE?
That's Jackle! One of the deadiest Nightmaren of them all!
JUST GREAT!
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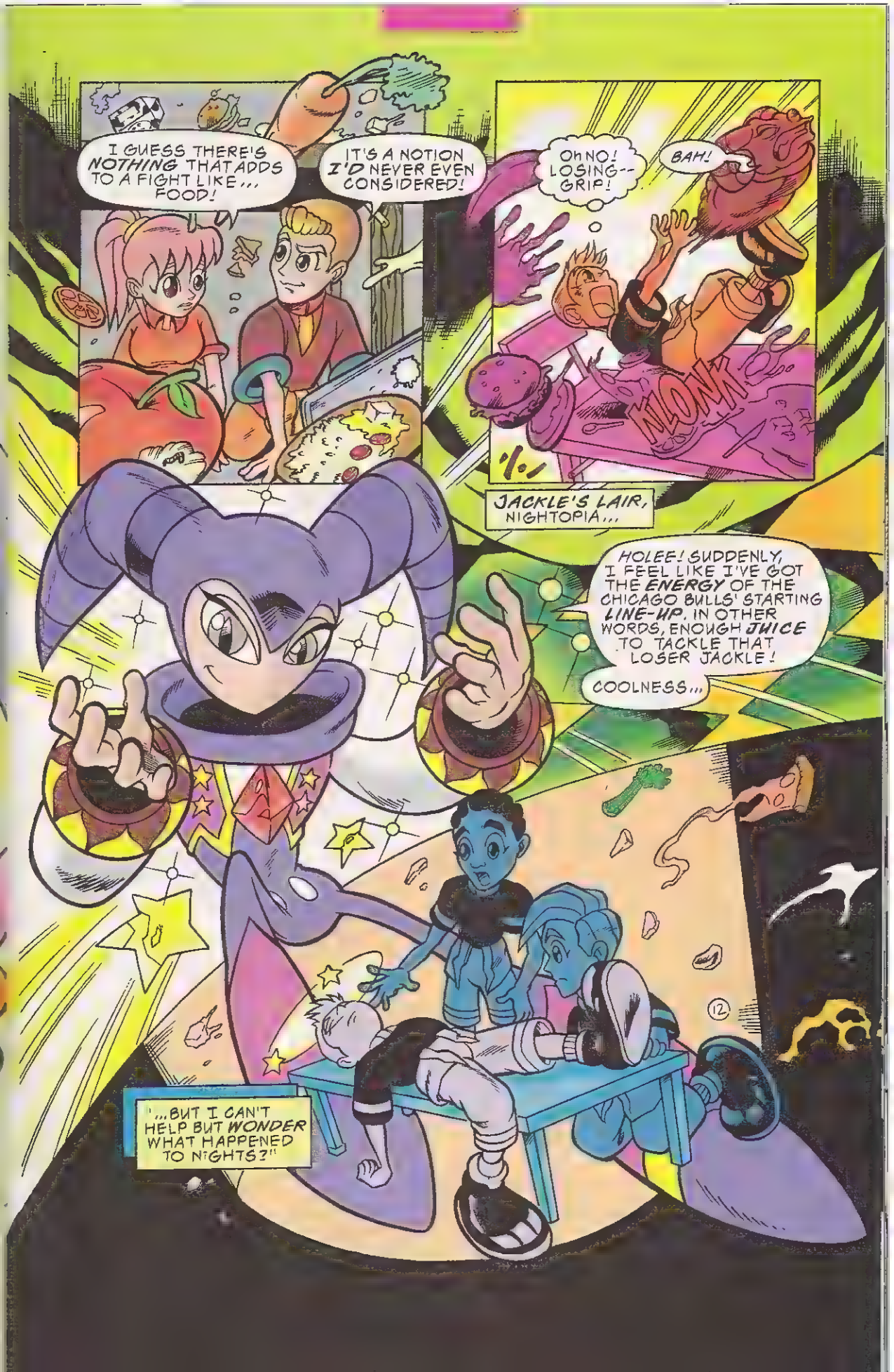
I GUESS THERE'S NOTHING THAT ADDS TO A FIGHT LIKE... FOOD!
IT'S A NOTION I'D NEVER EVEN CONSIDERED!
OH NO! LOSING-- GRIP!
BAH!
KLONK
JACKLE'S LAIR, NIGHTOPIA...
HOLEE! SUDDENLY, I FEEL LIKE I'VE GOT THE ENERGY OF THE CHICAGO BULLS' STARTING LINE-UP. IN OTHER WORDS, ENOUGH JUICE TO TACKLE THAT LOSER JACKLE!
COOLNESS...
"...BUT I CAN'T HELP BUT WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO NIGHTS?"
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HEY! THAT BOY...
HE LOOKS STRANGELY FAMILIAR...
LIKE SOMEONE YOU'D MET IN A...
...DREAM?!
BAAA...
OOHHHH...
Wh-WHERE AM I?
FWUMPP
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WHAT'S GOING ON? I--
SPLOOSH!
OH!
GULP!
HELP!
SNUZE!
Hmmm, NiGHTS must've left your waking body, Elliot!
NO KIDDING! HE'S LEFT MY DREAM-BODY TOO...
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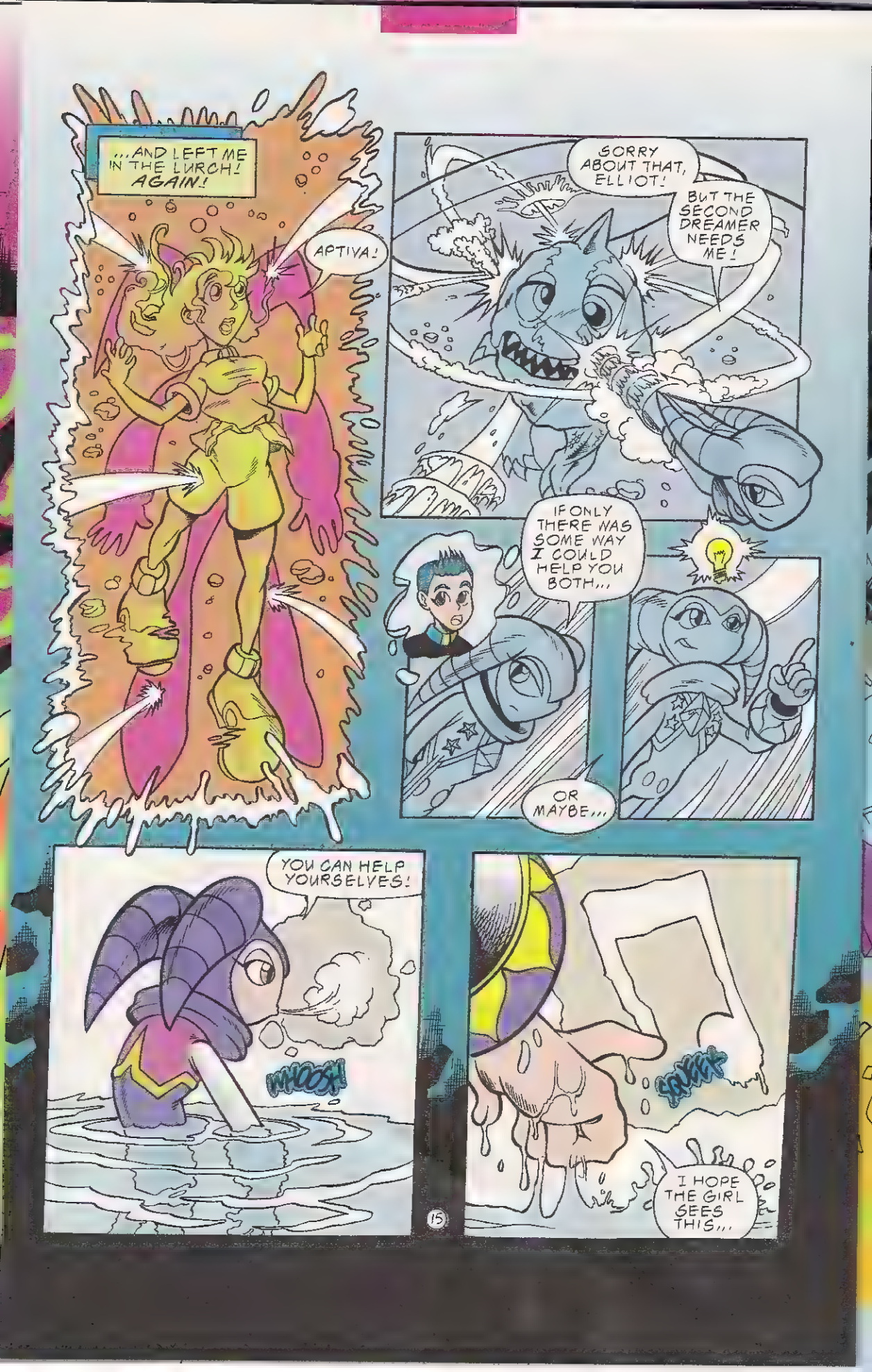
...AND LEFT ME IN THE LURCH! AGAIN!
APTIVA!
SORRY ABOUT THAT, ELLIOT!
BUT THE SECOND DREAMER NEEDS ME!
IF ONLY THERE WAS SOME WAY I COULD HELP YOU BOTH...
OR MAYBE...
YOU CAN HELP YOURSELVES!
WHOOSH
SPLAT
I HOPE THE GIRL SEES THIS...
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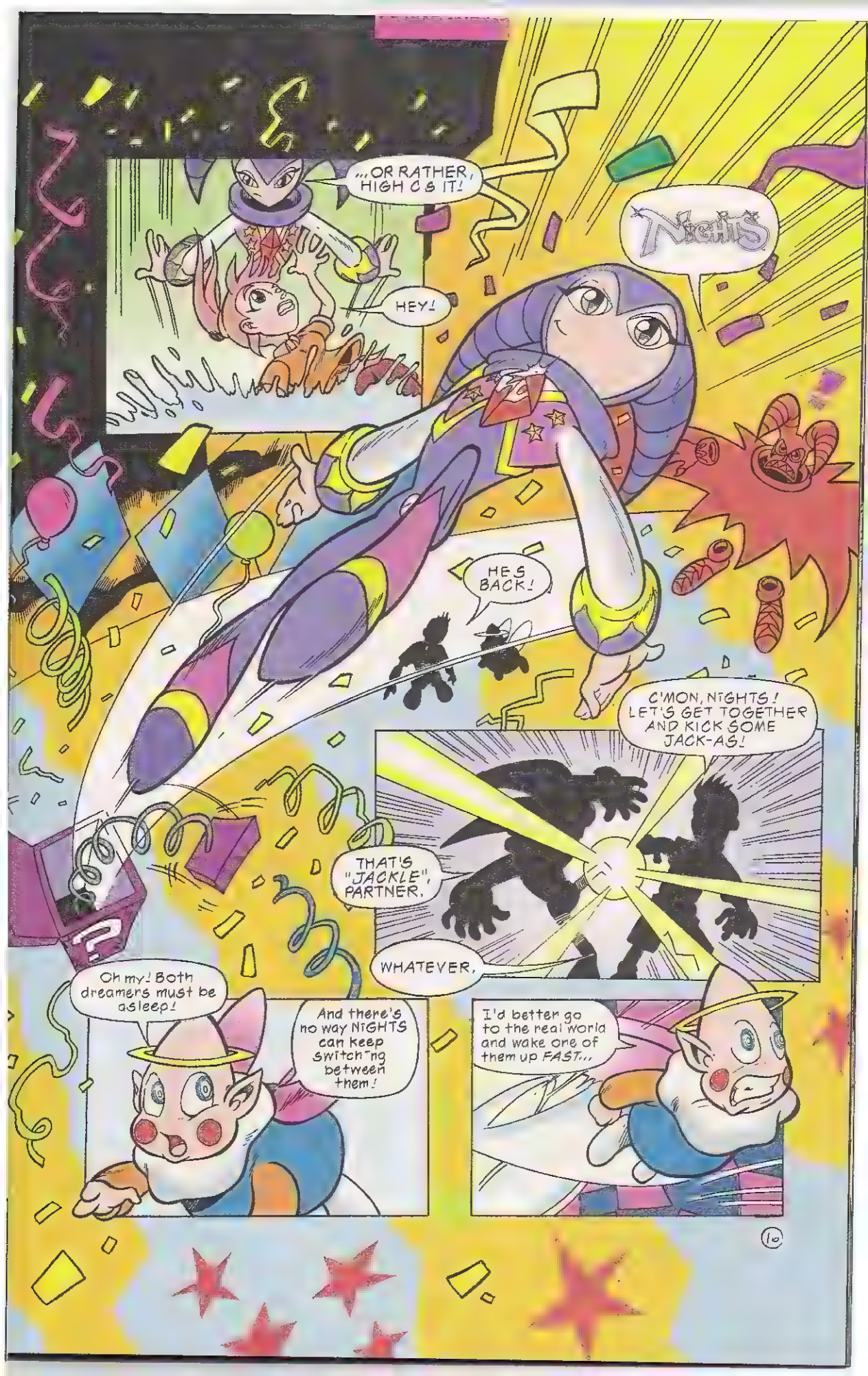
...OR RATHER, HIGH CS IT!
HEY!
NiGHTS
HE'S BACK!
C'MON, NIGHTS! LET'S GET TOGETHER AND KICK SOME JACK-AS!
THAT'S "JACKLE", PARTNER.
WHATEVER.
Oh my! Both dreamers must be asleep!
And there's no way NiGHTS can keep switching between them!
I'd better go to the real world and wake one of them up FAST...

'...before something AWFUL happens!'
THINK CLARIS! THERE'S GOTTA BE SOME WAY OUTTA THIS FISH BOWL...
Huh? WHAT'S THIS ON THE GLASS?...
THE GLASS!
D'OH! THAT'S IT!
SNAP!
OR RATHER...
DO RE MI FA SO LA TI...
DO!
CRASH!
I D D IT! I SHATTERED THE GLASS!
AND NOW OL' 'GULPO' ISN'T SUCH A BIG PROBLEM AFTER ALL!
CLAP CLAP CLAP
BRAVO! BRAVO, MY DEAR
THAT WAS QUITE A TREAT, YES...
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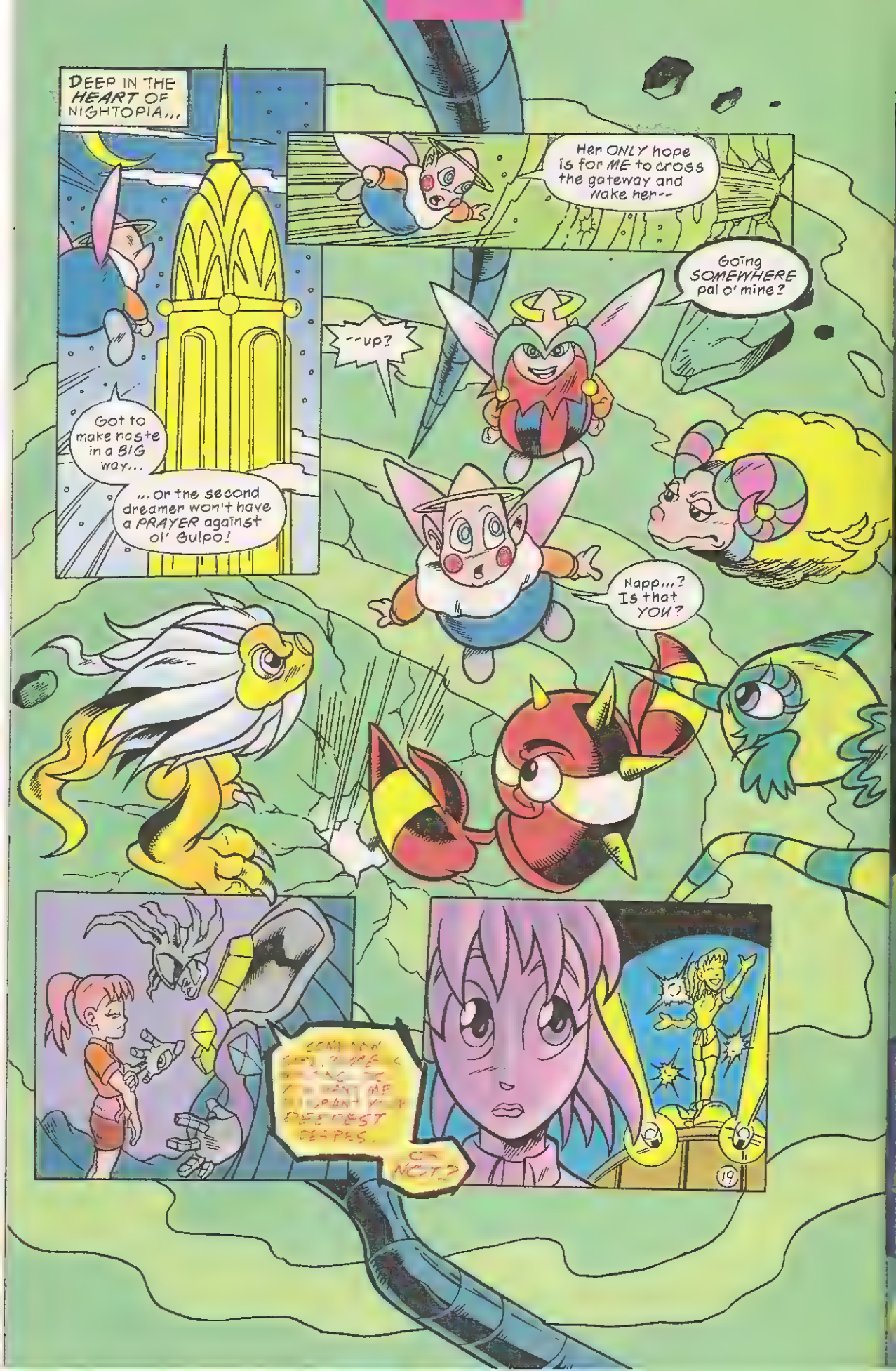
...IT WOULD APPEAR THAT YOU ARE QUITE THE PER[illegible] IS A[illegible] EVEN CONSIDERED. COME, IF WE HAVE MUCH TO DISCUSS.
BACK AT JACKLE'S...
WHAT
ELLIOT! ELLIOT! THINK ABOUT THIS FOR TWO SECONDS...
...ALL OF YOUR FONDEST FANTASIES CAN BE MADE REAL IN THE SPACE OF A HEART-BEAT.
...AND ALL YOU NEED DO IS SURRENDER YOUR SPHERE OF RED DREAM ENERGY. WHAT DO YOU SAY, Eh?


DEEP IN THE HEART OF NIGHTOPIA...
Got to make haste in a BIG way...
...or the second dreamer won't have a PRAYER against ol' Gulpo!
Her ONLY hope is for ME to cross the gateway and wake her--
--up?
Going SOMEWHERE pal o' mine?
Napp...? Is that YOU?
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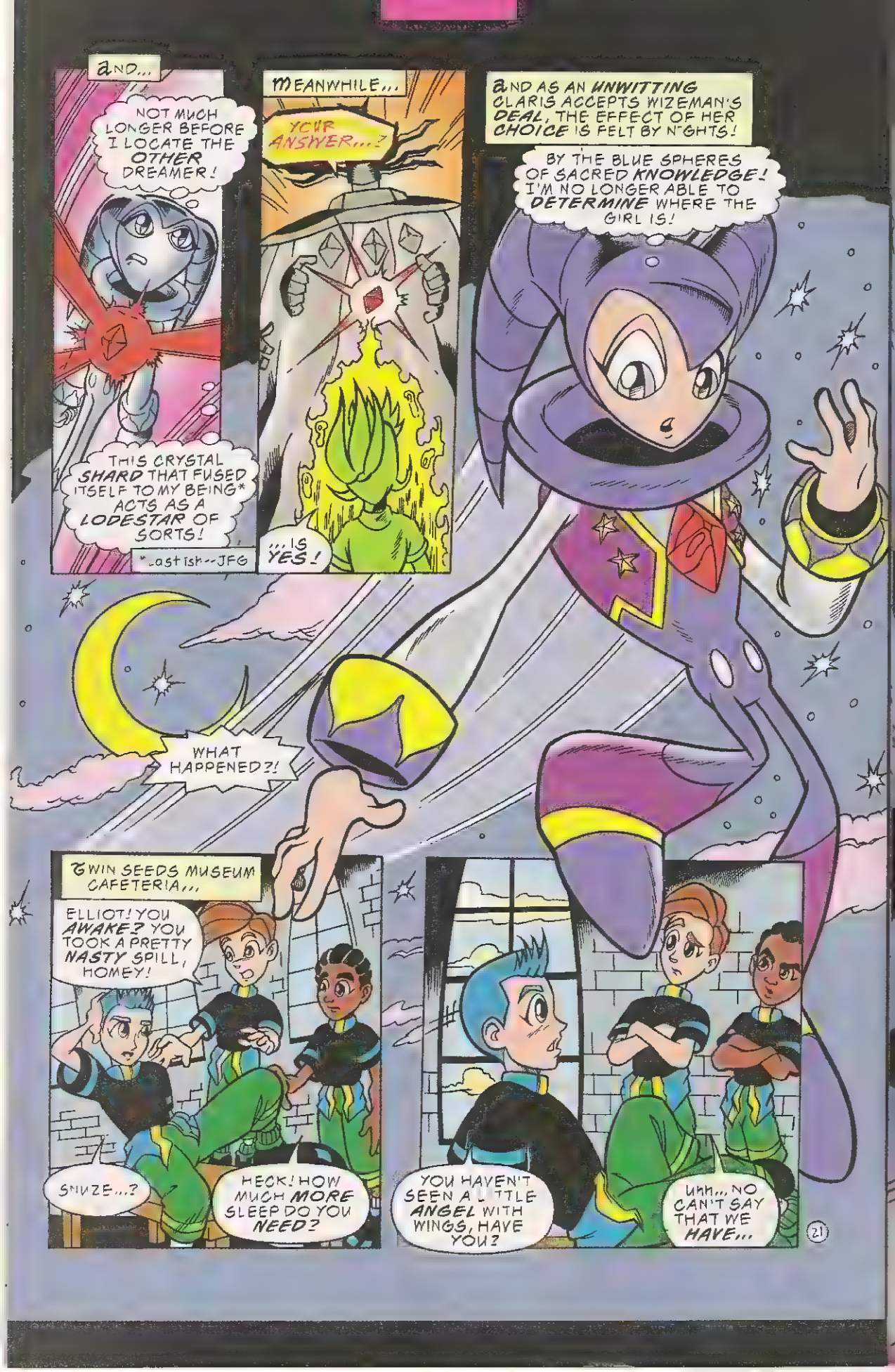
I THINK NOT!
I MEAN WHAT KIND OF A DOOFUS DO YOU TAKE ME FOR? AND AS FOR YOUR MAGICAL CAPE...
...IT'S ABOUT TO BE TAKEN TO THE CLEANERS BIG TIME!
SNATCH
TALK ABOUT YOUR CLOSE CALLS! STILL CAN'T HELP BUT WONDER WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF--
FWAASHH
I GUESS NIGHTS LEFT TO HELP OUT THE OTHER DREAMER, THAT'S COOL. WE CAN HOLD OUR OWN FOR NOW! RIGHT, SNUZE?
SNUZE? SNUZE?!


AND...
NOT MUCH LONGER BEFORE I LOCATE THE OTHER DREAMER!
THIS CRYSTAL SHARD THAT FUSED ITSELF TO MY BEING* ACTS AS A LODESTAR OF SORTS!
*Lastish--JFG
MEANWHILE...
YOUR ANSWER...?
...IS YES!
AND AS AN UNWITTING CLARIS ACCEPTS WIZEMAN'S DEAL, THE EFFECT OF HER CHOICE IS FELT BY N'GHTS!
BY THE BLUE SPHERES OF SACRED KNOWLEDGE! I'M NO LONGER ABLE TO DETERMINE WHERE THE GIRL IS!
WHAT HAPPENED?!
TWIN SEEDS MUSEUM CAFETERIA...
ELLIOT! YOU AWAKE? YOU TOOK A PRETTY NASTY SPILL, HOMEY!
SNUZE...?
HECK! HOW MUCH MORE SLEEP DO YOU NEED?
YOU HAVEN'T SEEN A LITTLE ANGEL WITH WINGS, HAVE YOU?
UHH... NO CAN'T SAY THAT WE HAVE...
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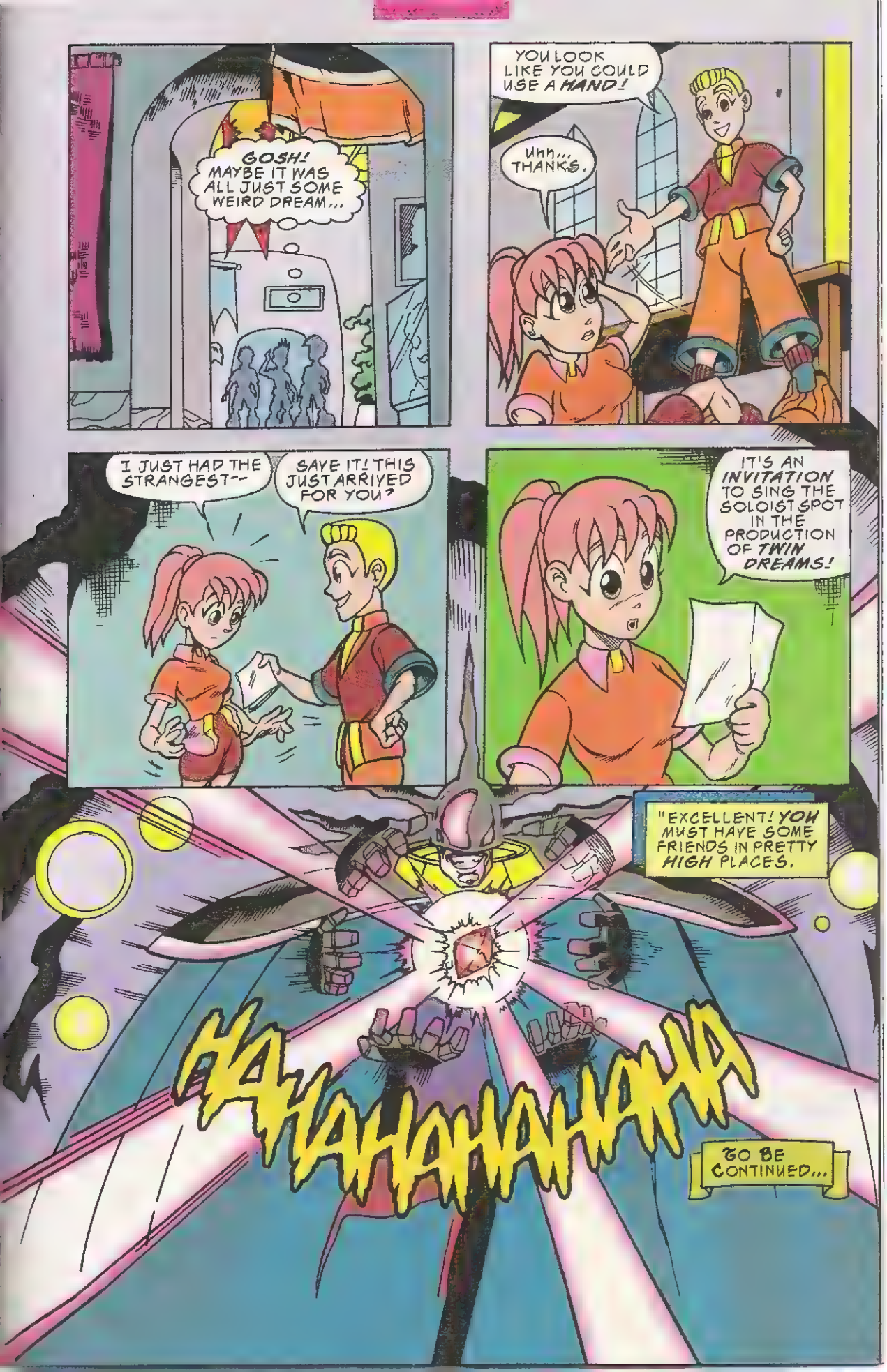
GOSH! MAYBE IT WAS ALL JUST SOME WEIRD DREAM...
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU COULD USE A HAND!
Uhh... THANKS.
I JUST HAD THE STRANGEST--
SAVE IT! THIS JUST ARRIVED FOR YOU?
IT'S AN INVITATION TO SING THE SOLOIST SPOT IN THE PRODUCTION OF TWIN DREAMS!
"EXCELLENT! YOU MUST HAVE SOME FRIENDS IN PRETTY HIGH PLACES.
HAHAHAHAHA
TO BE CONTINUED...

THE VILLAINS

WIZEMAN THE WICKED - Feasting on the dream energy of defenseless sleeping humans, he has mastered the dream gems that once ruled the dreams in Nightopia. The white gem signifies purity; the green maturity; the blue knowledge; and the yellow hope. With these gems, Wizeman has given himself immense evil powers which he used to possess the inhabitants of Nightopia.

His plan is to take over the real world through dreams. For that to become a reality, he must get the fifth dream energy, red for bravery.

It is extremely rare - - almost extinct - - for only the two purest dreamers possess it every hundred years. This time it is Claris and Elliot who have that dream energy and Wizeman will stop at nothing to see them become his own.

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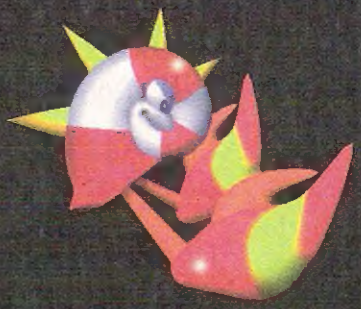
NIGHTMARENS - Once harmless creatures of Nightopia, like the Nightopians, the Nightmaren have fallen under the spell of the evil Wizeman. They now obey his every command and are often sent out on missions of devestation around Nightopia. Each world has its own breed of Nightmaren creatures that help steal more energies from dreaming visitors. The Nightmaren then continue to float around the world causing mischief whenever possible.

Nightmarens derive an insane pleasure from startling and scaring people and spend most of their time doing so. Unlike the Nightopians who accept each visitor's consciousness the way it exists. Nightmarens use various methods to fill the visitor with fear and surprise.



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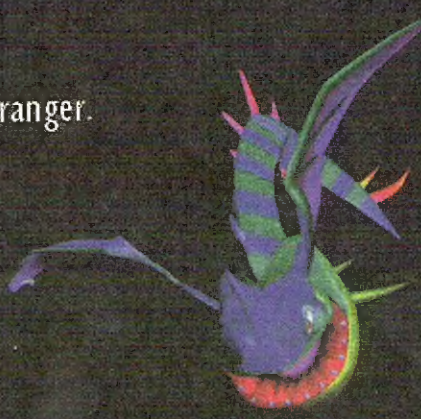
NIGHTMARE BOSSES - These are the big chiefs appointed by "Wizeman the Wicked" to dispose of Claris, Elliot and and that pesky Nights once and for all! They are:

REALA - Nights' nemesis. Reala is the evil version of our hero. He is Wizeman's right-hand henchman. His acrobatics, speed and strength closely mirror those of Nights.

JACKEL - Protected by a cape, Jackel inhabits the evil sector called Frozen Bell. He has a strange toyland-style lair. Always one for games, Jackel has been known to throw playing cards at his opponents with deadly results.

GILLWING - They get stranger and stranger. Gillwing livesat the end of Spring Valley and has the face of a fish, the wings of a bat and the tail of a lizard.



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PUFFY - A beachball? A rabbit? A dream incarnation of Madame Puffula? Or a strange combination of the three? Whatever Puffy is, she's a fat freak found at the Soft Museum. It's not over until the fat lady sings.

CLAWZ - A cat-like creature with sharp wings. Clawz can be found hiding in the Mystic Forest.

GULPO - A giant spiked fish with razor sharp teeth. Gulpo can be found swimming in the center of a giant fish tank in an area called Splash Garden.

NEXT MONTH: THE ORIGIN OF

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